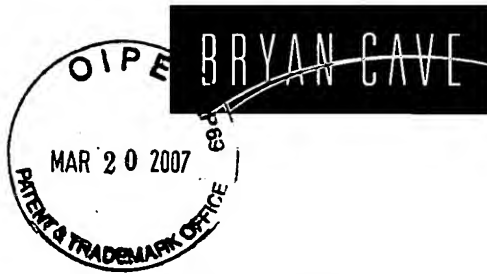


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 , 12 and 13 of this application to more particularly point out his invention, including the complete physical separation between the weigh station and the drive motor provided by Applicant's disengagable motor drive.

In the December 22, 2006 Office action, the Examiner has withdrawn his rejection of Claims 1-7 and 12-19 as anticipated by Krolopp, U.S. patent no. 3,539,028, based upon Applicant's amendment of independent Claims 1, 12 and 13 to more particularly point out his invention, including the complete physical separation between the weigh station and the drive motor provided by Applicant's disengagable motor drive. However, the Examiner has mistakenly maintained his rejection of dependent Claims 8-11 and 20 as obvious over Krolopp in view of Smith et al., U.S. patent no. 4,130,171, and Claim 21 as obvious over Krolopp in view of